

Dear D4K,

With the scholarship money that I was awarded, I paid for lessons with FEI dressage rider Hayley Buckingham. She earned her USDF bronze and silver medals. She was a very nice trainer that explained the importance of geometry. With Haley, I worked on improving my 20 meter circles. I never really had a dressage trainer so with Haley I worked on these basic maneuvers. I also worked on starting the leg yield maneuver with my pony. I can proudly say that my pony and I leg yield very nicely. I even worked on straightening my posture. Even though I didn't have a lot of lessons with Haley, the little that I was able to work with her I improved my dressage score a lot. In eventing, dressage is a very important aspect and can set you apart from the other riders. With these lessons my pony and I have been scoring in the 30s. Which is keeping me and my pony Minnie in the top 6 when competing. I know we still have lots of room to improve. To conclude I really appreciate dressage for kids helping me move forward in my horse career.

Sincerely Aiden Albert Beaubien